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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTOR(S) : Claude Couture, et al.

TITLE : CROSSLINKED POLYSACCHARIED, OBTAINED BY  
CROSSLIKING WITH SUBSTITUTED  
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS SUPERABSORBENT

APPLICATION NO. : 10/044,846

FILED : November 9, 2001

CONFIRMATION NO. : 7917

EXAMINER : TRAN, Thao T.

ART UNIT : 1711

LAST OFFICE ACTION : July 15, 2005

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. : CLWZ 2 00148

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE  
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from a decision of the primary Examiner in the Office Action mailed **June 13, 2005**, finally rejecting claims 4-9 and 66-82, and the Advisory Actions mailed **June 13, 2005** and **July 15, 2005**. A Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review is being filed herewith.

The items checked below are appropriate:

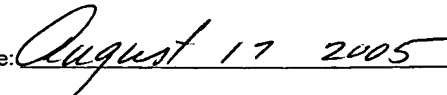
1. **STATUS OF APPLICANT**

☒ This application is on behalf of other than a small entity.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

☒ other than a small entity \$500.00

3. **EXTENSION OF TERM**

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time up to and including \_\_\_\_\_ in which to file the accompanying Notice of Appeal. Payment for the filing of this Notice of Appeal and any appropriate extension of time fees are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The appropriate form PTO-2038 is enclosed for this purpose. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

4. **TOTAL FEES DUE**

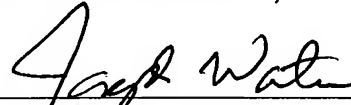
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5. **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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